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In order to prevent Microsoft from engaging in anti-competitive monopolistic practices, I would suggest one or more of the following:

- 1) Order Microsoft to OpenSource all versions of the Windows operating system currently in use as well as all versions that are released in the next 5 years. All other major operating systems (UNIX, MacOS X) have a major portion of the source code open to the public. This is the best way to ensure all API's are open to the public, and may even benefit the Windows platform, as it will be subject to peer review.
- 2) Order Microsoft to open up proprietary document formats used by MS Office and other software products like Windows Media Player. This will allow competitors to create compatible software products, making it easier for users to switch from (or to) the Windows platform.
- 3) Order Microsoft to adopt standards and technologies overseen by such organizations as the W3C and IEEE to ensure better cross platform compatibility of software and hardware products, as well as network services.

I would like to point out that Microsoft is a repeat offender, and preventing Microsoft from behaving similarly in the future will, at the end, help other businesses as well as consumers. Punishing Microsoft for hurting the industry will not have any negative consequences to our economy, nor will it stifle innovation.

Regards, Ryo Chijiiwa